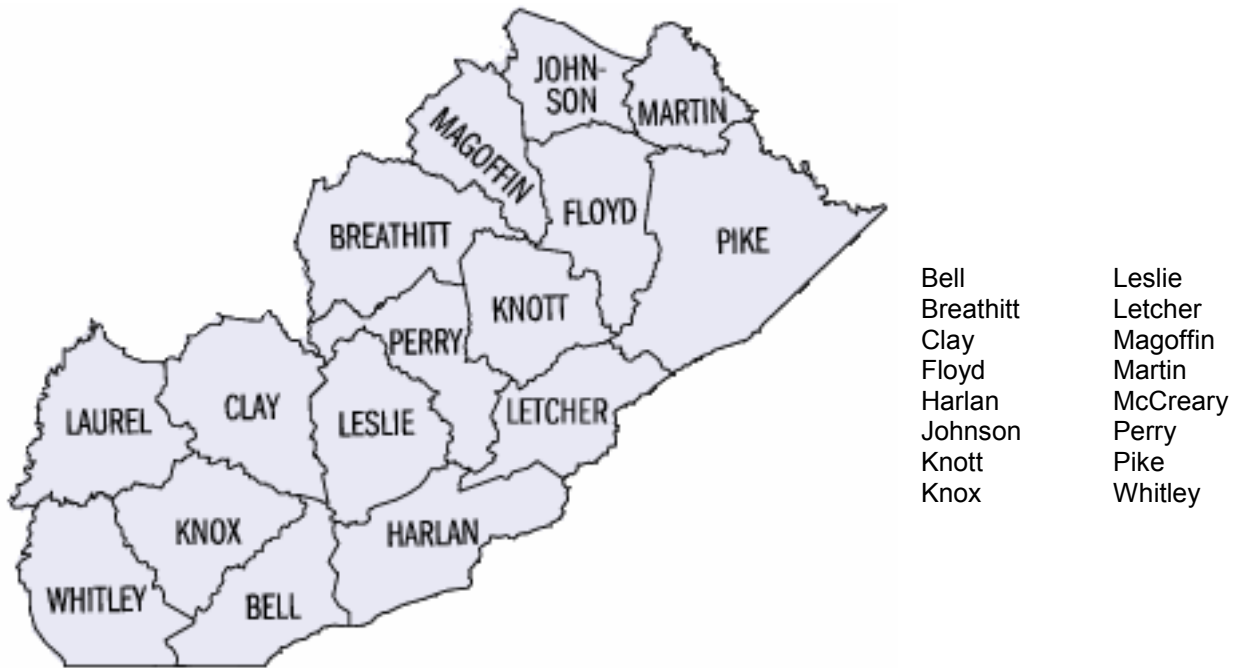


**FIGURE 5 – COUNTIES IN ELK RESTORATION ZONES**



Kentucky began restoring elk in the winter of 1997-98 to counties in the southeastern part of the state. Over the next few years about 1,500 animals were trucked in from Kansas, Utah, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon and Arizona. Today, eastern Kentucky is home to 5,700 free-ranging elk, the largest herd east of the Mississippi River.